

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 31, 1880.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. CAMERON, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 692.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 692) entitled "A bill for the relief of Robert A. McMurray," have considered the same, and submit the following report thereon:

Your committee referred the bill to the Treasury Department, requesting to be furnished with any and all facts touching the employment of the claimant between the month of January, 1864, and the month of January, 1876.

In response to the request of the committee, the following letter was received by the chairman of the committee from the Secretary of the Treasury:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., February 21, 1880.

Hon. F. M. COCKRELL,
Chairman of Committee on Claims, United States Senate:

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, inclosing copy of Senate bill No. 692 for the relief of Robert A. McMurray, authorizing the payment to him of the sum of \$6,000 for extra services performed in the Treasury Department from January, 1864, to January, 1876, and requesting to be furnished with any and all facts touching the employment of the claimant between said dates; what extra service he rendered, and, if under contract, a copy thereof; if under orders, by whose orders and under what stipulations; also, whether his claim has been prosecuted before the department; and, if so, a copy of the same, together with proofs and the action taken thereon; the reason for such action, and my opinion upon the propriety of the passage of the inclosed bill.

In reply I have to say, that Robert A. McMurray received compensation as a clerk in this department as follows:

From February 4, 1864, to August 26, 1864, at the rate of 1,200 per annum.

From August 27, 1864, to June 24, 1865, at the rate of \$1,400 per annum.

From June 25, 1865, to March 22, 1868, at the rate of \$1,600 per annum.

From March 23, 1868, to December 1, 1876, at the rate of \$1,800 per annum.

From December 1, 1876, to January 1, 1877, at the rate of \$1,200 per annum.

The department has no information concerning any claim of McMurray for extra compensation, nor of any contract under which such compensation can be claimed.

The bill is herewith returned as requested.

Very respectfully,

JOHN SHERMAN,
Secretary.

The claimant has furnished no evidence to sustain his claim. Upon the facts stated in the letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, your committee recommend that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. H. H. H.

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